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Medical Officer of Health's Report

FOR THE

Urban Sanitary District

OF

Barton-upon-Humber

FOR THE YEAR 1936

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To the Chairman and Members of the Urban District Council of Barton-on-Humber.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present to you my Report for 1936.

General Statistics.

The area of Barton-on-Humber is:—

6,343 acres land and inland waters,
838 ,, tidal waters.

The population is 6,227.

There are 1,880 inhabited houses in the town.

The Rateable Value of the district is £23,409.

Vital Statistics,

	Males.	Females.	Total.
LIVE BIRTHS	44	43	87
Legitimate	44	42	
Illegitimate		1	

Birth Rate (excluding Still-births) 13.971 per 1,000

	Males.	Females.	Total.
STILL-BIRTHS, Legitimate ...	1	0	1

	Males.	Females.	Total.
DEATHS	36	47	83
DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR			
Legitimate	2	0	2

Death Rate (all ages) 13.65 per 1,000.

VITAL STATISTICS (continued).

Causes of Death.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Whooping cough ...	1		1
Respiratory tuberculosis Ages 1 Male 43 yrs., 4 Females 31, 47, 54, 71	1	4	5
Other tuberculosis ... 1 Male aged 23 months	1		1
Gen. paralysis of insane, etc.	1		1
Cancer	4	5	9
Diabetes	1	1	2
Cerebral hæmorrhage ...	2	6	8
Heart disease	7	11	18
Other circulatory ...	4	3	7
Bronchitis		1	1
Pneumonia	1	1	2
Other respiratory ...		1	1
Diarrhœa under 2 yrs ...		1	1
Appendicitis		1	1
Other liver		2	2
Other digestive		1	1
Nephritis	1	1	2
Other puerperal		1	1
Congenital causes, etc. ...	2		2
Senility	4	1	5
Suicide	1	1	2
Other violence	3		3
Other defined causes ...	2	5	7

Notifiable Diseases.

The following infectious diseases have been notified to me by medical men during the year:—

Pulmonary tuberculosis ...	5
Non-pulmonary tuberculosis..	3

Notifiable Diseases (continued).

Diptheria (excluding carriers)	1
Pneumonia	10
Whooping-cough	65
Varicella	6
Scarlet fever	3

Health Services, etc.

A very efficient Nurse is provided by a private Association for general district work, exclusive of Midwifery.

There are two certified Midwives practising in the town.

The Lindsey County Council has a Maternity and Child Welfare Centre, a School Clinic, and a Tuberculosis Clinic, at its premises at No. 50 Holydyke.

A modern and comfortable maternity home has recently been built by the County Council at Scunthorpe.

A wheeled Ambulance is kept at Mr. L. Walker's in High Street; and Mr. A. H. Thompson has a closed motor van which can be converted into an ambulance at very short notice.

There is no hospital in the Urban District.

Accomodation for Infectious diseases is provided by the Lindsey C.C. at Brumby and elsewhere. Cases of Small-pox are segregated in a hospital in the parish of Osgodby.

Pathological and bacteriological examinations are carried out by the County Medical Officer at Lincoln.

A Red Cross supply Depôt of Nursing Requisites is kept by Mrs. P. Birtwhistle at Priestgate.

The Council has not yet been able to see its way to provide a public swimming-bath.

Water Supply.

The Water Supply from the Waterworks is good, and about 69% of the houses in the town are connected with the mains. The rest of the houses are supplied by pumps and wells which yield good water.

Sanitary Administration.

The Council employs one full-time Surveyor and Inspector, and one Temporary Sanitary Inspector, and one part-time Medical Officer.

The Council has resolved to separate the offices of Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector.

The water-carriage system for disposal of excreta is still being extended.

The removal of nightsoil and ashes is carried out weekly.

A Mortuary is provided, and post-mortem examinations can be efficiently carried out in it.

It will be noted from the Sanitary Inspector's report that most of the work in connection with the repair and improvement of Dwelling-Houses has been done without the serving of Formal notices.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

Dwelling-Houses.

Total number of new houses erected during the year ...		59
(1)	By the Local Authority	24
(3)	By other bodies or persons	35

1 Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year—

(1)	(a)	Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects under	
		(i) Public Health Act, 1875	701
		(ii) Housing Act, 1930	531
		(iii) Housing Act, 1935	926
	(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	2777
(2)	(a)	Number of dwelling-houses (included under Sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925	531
	(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	1150

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT (continued).

(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation 67

(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation 398

2 Remedy of Defects during the year without Service of Formal Notices—

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers 297

3 Action under Statutory Powers during the year—

(a) Proceedings under Sections 17, 18 and 23 of the Housing Act, 1930—

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs 77

(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices—

(a) By owners 3

(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts—

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied 7

(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices—

(a) By owners 4

(c) Proceedings under sections 19 and 21 of the Housing Act, 1930—

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ... 2

(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders 2

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT (continued).

BAKEHOUSES.

Number in district: 7. Number of Inspections: 2.

SLAUGHTER-HOUSES.

Number on register: 8. Number of Inspections: 14 Frequency of Inspections: Casual.

COWSHEDS.

Number on register: 27. Number of Inspections: 2. Frequency of Inspections: Casual.

DAIRIES AND MILK SHOPS.

Number on register: 37. Number of Inspections: 2. Frequency of Inspections: Casual.

UNSOUND FOOD.

Articles surrendered: 1 Beef Carcase.

OFFENSIVE TRADES.

Number of premises in district: 1. Number of Inspections: 8.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS.

Inspection of Factories: 2. Workshops: 2.

Water Supply.

Wells. New sunk: 1.

Public Supply. Area supplied: Rural parts and some farms not supplied. Percentage of houses supplied: 66·95%.

Number of samples obtained for analysis	4
(b) from public supply	4

Drainage and Sewerage.

CLOSETS.

Number of houses with privy vaults in district: 181. Number of houses with pail closets in district: 1060. Number of pail closets substituted for privy vaults: 4. Number of pail closets repaired: 114. Number of houses with water-closets in district: 674. Number of water-closets substituted

Sanitary Inspector's Report (continued).

for dry receptacles: 44. Number of water-closets repaired: 5.

Drains.

Drains examined, tested, exposed, etc.: 248. Drains unstopped, repaired, trapped, etc.: 7. Waste pipes, rain water pipes disconnected, repaired, etc.: 71. Drains reconstructed: 23.

Sewers.

New lengths of sewer laid, 9" dia., 88 yards.

Disinfection.

Rooms disinfected	7
(a) ordinary infectious disease	4
(b) tuberculosis	3

House Reruse.

Number of covered ashpits: 43. Number of uncovered ashpits: 63. Number of houses using bins: 1675. Is refuse removed by householders or by public scavenger? Public scavenger. How frequently is refuse removed from each house? Weekly. Method of final disposal? Tipping. Are existing arrangements for refuse removal satisfactory? Yes.

Nuisances.

Total number of Nuisances during the year—

(1) Abated as result of informal action by Sanitary Inspector	942
(2) Reported to Council—	
Statutory notice issued	267
Statutory notice not issued	1242

Details of Nuisances Abated.

	After Informal Intimation.	After Statutory Notice.
Overcrowding	12	
Dampness	79	28
Yards re-paved or repaired	56	25
Other nuisances	795	187

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT (continued).

Annual Salary as Inspector: £160.

Other Appointments held: Surveyor.

Salary for such other oppointments: £150.

Any Assistants? One qualified Temporary Inspector (Housing Acts only) and one Junior Clerk.

SUPPLEMENTARY REMARKS.

NEW APPOINTMENT. A full-time Sanitary Inspector has been appointed at a salary of £208 per annum, to commence duties on the 18th January, 1937.

SEC. 19. HOUSING ACT, 1930. Statutory notices during 1936 resulted in owners or lessees signing undertakings to render fit 34 premises. During the year 25 premises were rendered fit in pursuance of these undertakings or of those of previous years.

HOUSING CONSOLIDATED REGULATIONS, 1925. The first survey was completed and the second survey commenced in the period under review.

HOUSING ACT, 1935. The survey was completed and the return sent to the Ministry of Health within the statutory period. 43 Houses were found to be overcrowded but in 12 cases alternative accommodation has been found by the occupier for the whole or part of the family.

To abate the overcrowding in the 31 outstanding cases it will be necessary for the Council to provide houses with the following sleeping accommodation—

2	houses with	2	bedrooms
6	,,	3	,,
10	,,	4	,,
10	,,	5	,,
3	,,	6	,,

but owing to the fact that six of the overcrowded houses are owned by the Council and have the following sleeping accommodation—

1	house(s) with	2	bedrooms
4	,,	3	,,
1	,,	4	,,

it will be necessary for the authority to erect only 25 houses.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT (continued).

CONVERSION SCHEME. The Council's subsidy scheme has greatly accelerated the conversion of earth closets to water-closets, and 44 were completed during the year.

CHARLES G. ELSE, A. R. SAN., I.,

Sanitary Inspector.

29th January, 1937.

It is a great gratification to me that a full-time Sanitary Inspector has been appointed.

During 1936 a large amount of work has been done under the Housing Acts with a view to closing some houses and building others.

The Minister of Health has often stressed the fact that Milk is a most useful and efficient food. Barton-on-Humber has a good milk supply.

I have the honour to be,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

F. P. H. BIRTWHISTLE,

BARTON-ON-HUMBER. Medical Officer of Health.